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## **Commissioners award Tourism and Quality of Life Enhancement Grants**

DECEMBER 3, 2015 - CHAMBERSBURG, PA - At today's public meeting, the Franklin County Commissioners awarded Tourism and Quality of Life Enhancement Grant funding for the following projects:

Capitol Theatre	\$53,700.00	Theatre marquee replacement project.
Conococheague Institute	\$47,297.00	Construction of ADA compliant trails at the Institute.
Downtown Chambersburg, Inc.	\$5,250.00	Bike & Pedestrian Improvement Plan.
MACWell	\$36,330.00	Trail development along Johnston Run in the Borough of Mercersburg.
Renfrew Museum & Park	\$47,300.00	Restoration of the Royer Limestone Kiln.
Washington Township	\$36,467.00	Trails and interpretive signs for Monterey Pass Battlefield.
Waynesboro Theater	\$25,000.00	Improvement of the theater's façade.
The Conservation Fund	\$91,855.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> and final allocation to preserve approximately 1,100 acres of forested mountain land in Greene Township known as the Eagle Rock tract.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I continue to be impressed with the good things that are happening throughout the county," said Commissioner and Board Chairman Dave Keller.

<sup>&</sup>quot;This investment will keep our county green by providing scenic mountain views and habitat. It's also about community reinvestment and preservation of our past," said Commissioner Bob Thomas.

"The funding and these projects are a good fit, and visitors and local residents are able to enjoy the benefits," said Commissioner Bob Ziobrowski.

The program is funded by the Hotel Tax and the Act 13 Marcellus Shale Fund. No county general tax dollars are used for this program. The purpose of this grant program is to enhance the tourism experience, promote visitation and overnight stays within Franklin County, improve the county as a destination market for leisure travel, preserve and enhance the historical assets in the county, and to provide bike and walking trails for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.